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City Gas and other Hobbies.

There are some questions that Wheel-

ing must settle, and this would seem to be

as favorable a time as any. For some

reasons there will never be as good a time

as now.

We ought to determine whether the city

is to do what it can to continue in the

enjoyment of its lighting monopoly; whether

we are going to permit competition, and

if so to what extent; whether we intend

to confine the electric lighting privileges

to one concern, or whether we intend to

open the field to free competition in the

matter of electric lighting; and whether

we can find any reason for permitting the

use of the electric light that will not apply

equally to natural gas.

We ought to determine also whether

the city as a manufacturer of gas has

reached the limit of the economies in that

line; whether there is nothing more to be

done to improve the quality of the article

furnished; whether the price has been

fixed for all time, and whether the con-

sumer need not expect that he will ever get

better gas at the present price, or less.

Consumers are not satisfied with what

they get and what they have to pay for it,

and they have been hoping that some-

thing would be done for their relief. We

may be sure that if the city does nothing

the consumers will find a way to make one.

The Trustees ought to have been im-

pressed with the kindly interest taken by

the people in the electric light. The City

Solicitor says that the Electrical Company

has taken possession of the streets with-

out authority. This is probably true; but

the people are not dissatisfied with their gas

supply that they seem disposed to look

upon the Electrical Company's fault as by

no means unpardonable; and, so far as

the INTELLIGENCER has had opportunity

to learn, the majority of gas consumers

rather consider themselves as by interest

ranged on the side of that company.

Seeing that the gas works are city prop-

erty, in which every citizen is interested;

and remembering the disposition to block

the progress of the natural gas companies

in the early days, the openly expressed

sympathy for the last corporate comer is

not to be explained on any other ground

than that of great dissatisfaction with the

city gas supply.

If the city has any hope of holding its

own against the progress of the day, it

must begin to show some progress itself.

For a single example, here is the natural

gas, which the city should be able to turn

to advantage, so that it could conciliate its

customers with a better article, at least,

and perhaps at a lower price. We know

that the suggestion has been made to the

Trustees, but we do not know that they

have found time to think about it. All

these things are worth thinking about.

Tempting Providence.

There is a member of the New York

bar who is tired of life and is eager to lay

it down. He prefers to leave a violent

wind-up, and he is determined to pay

tively rank a thing as we are told the

publishing business in England. Here

is an idea, and our kin beyond sea are

welcome to it.

MILYTON NEWSPAPER MEN.

He relates some of the romance of a

Journalistic Life.

New York World.

I know that there are men who have

been connected with journalism for years,

who maintain that it is not a habit, but

that with them it is absolutely necessary.

For this reason I committed Mr. James

Miggleton, of Asheville, who edits the

Daily Simplex, a morning paper of this

place, and learned from him that it is not

necessary to get up of nights in order to

run a morning paper.

So the wives and mothers of morning

journalists and printers should not longer

be deceived by this time-honored fraud

upon their trusting natures.

Mr. Miggleton says that a rattling good

morning paper can be worked off the

press by supper time, and the evening re-

versed for social intercourse.

And yet I know a pale, staid news-

paper man, with silver in his hair, a man

in whose mouth butter would not melt,

who, for twenty years, has been a

battledore, his trusting wife and grown-

up son with this transparent fraud.

He told me only a short time ago, with

gentle politeness, that the first time he had

seen his own son by daylight was last fall.

He said that his son came of age last Oc-

tober, and through the courtesy of a

mutual friend (the young man's mother) he

had the pleasure of meeting him on elec-

tion day and forming an acquaintance

which he says may yet ripen into a strong

friendship.

I have another acquaintance who insists

in editing a morning paper, but does not

believe in allowing his children to attend

school. He does not want his boys to

think they are orphans just because he is

not always at home. He is a man of very

strong will and a strict disciplinarian. So

he gets a holiday every two weeks in or-

der to go home and visit his wife and

children. One time that he found that his

eldest son—I do not know which, be-

cause I am away from home without my

library—had violated the rules of the

house in a bad manner.

As near as I am able to come at the

fact, the boy had taken a quart of corn

and sowed a long trough through each

kernel, showing great patience and per-

severance in so doing. He then tied the

ends of the trough together into one

knot and scattered the corn where a large

dog of geese had been in the habit of

associating and pooling for mutual pro-

tection and improvement.

A man who came along that way about

dusk and he saw about thirty geese stand-

ing around in a circle looking reproach-

fully at each other and trying to agree on

some method by which they could all go

home together without turning a part of

their corn to the wrong party, while he

was a large dog. Hence there was a boy

seemed to be enjoying himself in a small

way.

The incident was reported to the boy's

father, who came home and placed his

son under a large box in the cellar, after

which he piled three or four hundred

pounds of coal on top of the in-

verted box. He then made a few remarks

for the boy's good, which were followed

by the mother's advice. "Be careful!" from

the inside of the box. After ordering that

the box should not be disturbed till his

return, my friend put on his coat and

went back to his work.

This was just as he returned began to

NOTES ABOUT WOMEN.

Mrs. Parnell, the mother of the Irish

leader, is said to have wrecked her fortune

in Wall street speculation. Her inherited

means were considerable.

Full is enthusiastic in her words of

praise of Mr. de Lunsay, de Hon

Ideals. She considers him the most

beautiful voice upon the American opera

stage.

One more is added to the list of college

yells by a correspondent of the Chicago

Tribune. It runs thus: "Yah! Yah!

Yah! Yah! Yah! (Kiss! Kiss! Kiss!)

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